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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

REGION 8

WEEK ENDING June 12, 2009

OFFICE OF ECOSYSTEMS PROTECTION AND REMEDIATION

*(WITHIN 30 DAYS)

LIBBY ASBESTOS SUPERFUND SITE: THE LIBBY TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING ON TWO SIGNIFICANT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN LIBBY, MONTANA.

- Operable Unit 5, Stimson Lumber: An 18-acre parcel within the Kootenai Business Park Industrial District has been identified for redevelopment by Stinger Welding, a manufactured bridge building enterprise. To facilitate use of the property, EPA accelerated characterization and remediation of the parcel in May 2009. Following cleanup, Libby Amphibole asbestos was not detected in any of the clearance samples taken across the parcel. EPA issued a comfort letter to the Industrial District to support the District's funding application with the Montana Board of Investments.
- Operable Unit 1, Export Plant: EPA and the City of Libby are discussing a path forward for the approximately 14-acre Export Plant property. The City is evaluating potential future uses for the property including potential recreational or recreational and commercial uses. EPA has provided contractor support in the development of reuse options to the City of Libby. In the short term, EPA has assisted the City of Libby in the creation of a clean parking area on the Export Plant property to facilitate use of Riverside Park this summer.

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SOLAR POWER FOR THE ARGO WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

EPR met with Colorado Dept of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) representatives on June 3rd to discuss the possibility of installing a large solar array on the roof of the Argo Mill water treatment plant in Idaho Springs, CO. The meeting was in response to an unsolicited proposal made by a local renewable energy developer who wants to install 80 to 100 kilowatts of solar panels (photovoltaic) at the treatment plant. Under the proposal the developer would purchase, install and own the panels, and sell the electricity to the treatment plant at a competitive market rate under a long term power purchase agreement (15 to 30 years). The initial price of electricity would be 2-9% higher than that currently being purchased from XCEL energy, but if historical trends in energy prices hold, the solar electricity would be cheaper in three to five years. A 95 kilowatt solar array would generate approximately 25% of the treatment plants electricity needs: enough to need electricity needs of 16 average Front-Range homes.

CDPHE agreed that this solar option should be pursued. Next steps:

Prepare a photo shop mock up showing how treatment plant will look with the solar array (end of June).

Meet with Idaho Springs City Council (July)

Prepare request for proposals (EPA and NREL will do 1st draft)

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EUREKA SITE, UT: On Friday, June 5, the EPA Eureka Site Team held a congressional site tour for a total of 14 people. Those in attendance included State Senator Ralph Okerlund, Donna Sacket of Senator Bennett's office, Ron Dean of Senator Hatch's office, John Tanner of Representative Rob Bishop's office, Wade Garrett of Representative Jason Chaffetz' office, Mayor Milt Hanks, and Councilman Brian Underwood. The State also sent four of their staff to support the site tour. The tour was well received and covered information including the site history, a description of the different operable units, the work that has been completed so far, and an overview of the property cleanups. A driving tour was completed through the town of Eureka and highlighted some of the mine waste cleanups, the residential cleanups, the open cell construction, and the historical preservation mitigation activities that have already taken place at the site. There were lots of questions from the site tour participants about the cleanup activities and the upcoming long-term stewardship responsibilities that the City will have once EPA completes the cleanup within a couple more years. Just recently the Eureka Site received over \$25.0 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to assist with the site cleanup activities. *Information only; no action is needed by the DRA/RA.*

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